# **MINUTES**

### of the

#### SEVENTH MEETING

#### of the

# COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

# November 8-10, 2021 **State Capitol, Senate Chambers** Santa Fe

The seventh meeting of the Courts, Corrections and Justice Committee was called to order by Representative Gail Chasey, co-chair, on November 8, 2021 at 9:57 a.m. in the Senate Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

**Present** 

Sen. Joseph Cervantes, Co-Chair

Rep. Gail Chasey, Co-Chair

Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon

Rep. Karen C. Bash (11/8, 11/10)

Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto

Sen. Bill B. O'Neill

Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle (11/10)

Rep. William "Bill" R. Rehm (11/9, 11/10)

Rep. Debra M. Sariñana (11/9, 11/10)

Sen. Antoinette Sedillo Lopez

Rep. Christine Trujillo

Absent

Rep. Zachary J. Cook

Sen. Mark Moores

### **Advisory Members**

Sen. Gregory A. Baca Rep. Alonzo Baldonado (11/10) Rep. Christine Chandler Sen. Katy M. Duhigg (11/10) Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (11/9, 11/10)

Sen. Linda M. Lopez

Rep. Georgene Louis (11/9)

Rep. Andrea Romero (11/8, 11/10)

Sen. Mimi Stewart (11/10)

Rep. Deborah A. Armstrong Rep. Micaela Lara Cadena Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria Rep. Doreen Y. Gallegos

Rep. T. Ryan Lane Rep. Antonio Maestas Rep. Roger E. Montoya

Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero

Sen. Peter Wirth

#### Staff

Elisabeth Johnson, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)

Sean Dolan, Staff Attorney, LCS

Erin Bond, Research Assistant, LCS

#### **Minutes Approval**

Because the committee will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the committee.

#### Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

#### **Handouts**

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

### **References to Webcast**

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at <a href="www.nmlegis.gov">www.nmlegis.gov</a>, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

#### Monday, November 8

### New Mexico SAFE Legislative Priorities (10:00 a.m.)

Kim Chavez Cook, appellate defender, Public Defender Department; Rikki-Lee Chavez, New Mexico Criminal Defense Lawyers Association; and Barron Jones, senior policy strategist, American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico, provided the committee with a presentation regarding New Mexico SAFE legislative priorities. The presentation materials can be found here:

 $\underline{\text{https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ\&Date=11/8/2021\&ItemNumber=1.}$ 

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed Meeting): Tobacco Settlement Arbitration (11:15 a.m.)**

After meeting in executive session, the committee recessed and reconvened the regular committee meeting.

#### New Mexico Civil Rights Act: Questions and Answers (1:45 p.m.)

Mark Baker, vice chair, New Mexico Civil Rights Commission, and Maureen Sanders, attorney, Sanders and Westbrook, P.A., provided the committee with a presentation on the New Mexico Civil Rights Act.

#### Public Comment (2:36 p.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

#### Recess

The committee recessed at 2:40 p.m.

### **Tuesday, November 9**

#### New Mexico Prison Population Forecast: FY 2021-FY 2030 (9:31 a.m.)

Linda Freeman, executive director, New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC), and Douglas Carver, deputy director, NMSC, provided the committee with a presentation regarding the *New Mexico Prison Population Forecast: FY 2021-FY 2030*. The presentation materials can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ&Date=11/8/2021&ItemNumber=3.

# Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Task Force (1:55 p.m.)

Lynn A. Trujillo, secretary, Indian Affairs Department (IAD), and Stephanie Salazar, general counsel, IAD, provided the committee with a presentation regarding the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives Task Force. The presentation can be found here:

https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/CCJ%20110821%20Item%204%20Missing%20and%20Murdered%20Indigenous%20Woman%20Task%20Force%20Update.pdf.

### Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) Budget Overview (3:19 p.m.)

Michael E. Vigil, chief justice, New Mexico Supreme Court, and Arthur W. Pepin, director, AOC, provided the committee with an overview of the AOC's budget.

### Approval of Minutes (4:20 p.m.)

Upon a motion made and duly seconded, and without any objections, the committee approved the minutes of the October 12-13, 2021 meeting.

#### Recess

The committee recessed at 4:20 p.m.

#### Wednesday, November 10

# Public Comment (9:31 a.m.)

A list of individuals making public comment is available in the meeting file.

#### Bills Considered for Endorsement (10:20 a.m.)

Committee members discussed legislation for endorsement. The presentations can be found here:

 $\underline{https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=CCJ\&Date=11/8/2021\&ItemNumber=6;}$ 

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# Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.